

1. An electronic model and data storage system for storing and maintaining information related to a structure, said data storage system comprising:  
an electronic model of the physical features and attributes of said structure;  
feature-specific information pertaining to the features and contents of said structure; and  
non-physical information pertaining to said structure,  
wherein said model, said feature-specific information, and said non-physical information are each accessible via a computer network.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic model comprises a three-dimensional model of a physical structure of said structure.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein said non-physical information comprises information relative to items contained in said structure.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein said non-physical information comprises information relative to insurance coverage on said structure and its contents.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein said non-physical information comprises information relative to warranties on structure components and items contained in said structure.

- 1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein said system is contained on a centralized master  
2 data base.  
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- 5 7. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented by a plurality of  
6 icons representing respective physical or non-physical attributes pertaining to said  
7 structure.  
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- 10 8. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented as a physical  
11 representation in said electronic model.  
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- 13 9. The system of claim 7, wherein said physical representation is depicted as an icon.  
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- 16 10. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented as textual  
17 information in said electronic model.  
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- 20 11. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for notifying a user of said  
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- 24 12. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for updating said data storage  
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13. The system of claim 1, wherein said system is interactive.

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14. The system of claim 1, wherein said system is capable of linking with outside information sources to gather and store said information.

- 1 15. A method for storing and maintaining information related to a structure on a data  
2 storage system for subsequent retrieval, said method comprising the steps of:  
3 providing and storing an electronic model of the physical features and attributes  
4 of said structure on an accessible computer network;  
5 assembling feature-specific information pertaining to said structure, said  
6 information also stored on said accessible computer network; and  
7 assembling non-physical information pertaining to said structure, said non-  
8 physical information also stored on said accessible computer network.  
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12 16. The method of claim 6, wherein said data base may be updated as often as needed  
13 to maintain accurate and up-to-date information regarding said structure.  
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16 17. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of providing means for  
17 notifying a user of said information.  
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20 18. The method of claim 6, wherein said steps are conducted via a network.  
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23 19. The method of claim 9, wherein said network is a global information network.  
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25 20. The method of claim 1, wherein said system is contained on a centralized data  
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- 1 21. The method of claim 1, wherein said information is represented by a plurality of  
2 icons representing respective physical and non-physical attributes pertaining to  
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6 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of updating said data storage  
7 system as needed.  
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10 23. The method of claim 1, wherein said data storage system is user interactive.  
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13 24. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of linking with outside data  
14 bases to gather and store information on said data storage system.  
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- 1 25. A computer-readable data transmission signal containing a data structure, said  
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3 a first portion identifying an electronic model of a structure contained in a data  
4 storage system that a client is requesting from a server, wherein said  
5 client may receive detailed information regarding the physical  
6 characteristics of said structure; and  
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8 a second portion identifying a session for communicating between said client and  
9 said server, said session allowing a user to receive information  
10 pertaining to said structure.  
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- 13 26. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said  
14 information comprises feature specific information.  
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- 17 27. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said  
18 information comprises non-physical information.  
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- 21 28. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said signal  
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- 25 29. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 28, wherein said network  
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- 1 30. A computer-readable memory for storing and maintaining information related to  
2 a structure, said computer- readable memory configured so that it can be used to  
3 direct a computer:  
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5 to gather and store an electronic model of the physical features and attributes of  
6 said structure on an accessible computer network;  
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8 to gather and store feature-specific information pertaining to said structure, said  
9 information also stored on said accessible computer network;  
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11 to gather and store non-physical information pertaining to said structure, said non-  
12 physical information also stored on said accessible computer network;  
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14 to access and retrieve said information related to said structure; and  
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16 to present said information related to said structure to a graphical user interface.
- 17 31. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 30, wherein said signal  
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20 32. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 31, wherein said network  
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